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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் அசல் கேள்வியிலிருந்து இந்த உப கேள்வி பிறக்கவில்லை.

* 2903 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Minimum Wages State Advisory Board unanimously recommended to the Government at its meeting held on 4th July 1955 to appoint a committee for revising the minimum wages fixed for the oil, rice, dhal and flour mill workers in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : இப்பொழுதாவது முன்பு கேட்ட கேள்விக்ள்குப் பதில் சொல்லும் படியாகக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இப்பொழுது நான் பதில் அளித்திருக்கும் அசல் கேள்வியிலிருந்தும் இந்த உப கேள்வி பிறக்கவில்லையென்று தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Committees constituted by the Government have submitted their report to the Government and if so, what action has been taken on it by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir. The Government have constituted the Committees but the Committees have not taken up the matter and reported.

* 2904 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of 9-30 a.m.
of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any recommendation from the Minimum Wages Central Advisory Board regarding the minimum wage to be fixed for an adult worker for a normal working day in the State;

(*b*) if so, the rate recommended; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to give effect to the recommendation in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The lowest minimum wages recommended for an adult worker for a normal working day are Rs. 2, Rs. 1–10–0, Rs. 1–6–0 and Rs. 1–2–0. The rates are to depend upon such area-wise and employment-wise classification of employments on the basis of existing wage levels as may be made by the appropriate Government.

(*c*) The recommendation will be kept in view when the revision of the rates in any of the scheduled employments is taken up.

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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : முந்திய கேள்வியில் நான் கேட்ட உப கேள்விக்கு இந்தக் கேள்வியின் கீழ் பதில் சொல்லக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்கின்ற உப கேள்விக்கு இப்பொழுதே நான் பதில் சொல்லிவிட்டேன். (சிரிப்பு.)

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know, Sir, whether the recommendations made by the Minimum Wages Central Advisory Board are to be made applicable to agricultural labourers also and if so what action the Government propose to take to implement the recommendations with regard to agricultural labourers?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The question of fixing minimum wages for agricultural labourers has not **yet been** taken up.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : கட்டிடம் கட்டும் தொழிலாளர்கள் விஷயமாக குறைந்தபக்ஷ சம்பளம் நிர்ணயிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice. I may assure the hon. Member that the Government are taking steps to determine minimum wages for all the industries listed in the paper placed on the Table of the House.

* 2905 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any communication either from the Central Government or from the Minimum Wages Central Advisory Board recommending to the State Government to add to the Schedule of industries some more industries for fixation of minimum wages to the workers in those industries under section 27 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948; and

(*b*) if so, the names of such industries proposed to be added to the schedule?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A list of industries proposed for inclusion is placed on the table [a] of the House.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Government propose to implement the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act with regard to all the 27 industries which the Central Government have suggested for inclusion in the Schedule to the Act? Minimum wages have been fixed with regard to the coir industry in Travancore-Cochin State. The coir industry is also carried on to a very large extent in this State, i.e., in Malabar on the borders of Travancore-Cochin State also. People in these areas have been agitating for implementing the provisions of this

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 562 infra.